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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/787,182 :  
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FOR: IMAGE ENCODING APPARATUS,  
IMAGE ENCODING METHOD, IMAGE  
ENCODING PROGRAM, IMAGE  
DECODING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
DECODING METHOD AND IMAGE  
DECODING PROGRAM :

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.